

JAPANESE WIVES DIPLOMATS

Though Not Especially Beautiful They Are Gentle and Lovable and Know How to Handle Men.

A Japanese wife is more than a wife. She is an artist, says Adachi Kinnoh.

The woman of Nippon is not notably attractive in either face or figure.

Of the woman of Japan is one, just one, opinion among her judges—especially among her foreign critics.

In the first place, she is a past mistress in the art of commanding men.

QUEERED REAL ESTATE DEAL

Man Had a Fit, and Prospective Renter of a House Promptly Withdrew From the Transaction.

"There is more than one way to queer a deal in real estate," said the renting agent.

"I took that remark as an expression of sympathy for the sick man, but the renter soon let me know that it was he who had a narrow escape and not the other fellow."

"Nothing gets on my nerves," said he, "like a fit. Suppose I had signed the lease before I saw that."

"I protested that the neighbors had not the habit of stopping in front of that house and throwing fits."

"Maybe not," said he, "but I shall take no chances. I just moved from a house that was occupied formerly by a man who had a weakness for fits."

Salutary Example. Every legal expedient for delay having been exhausted, and their appeal for executive clemency having been made in vain to the president.

Just "Folks." People in the west are more "folky" than we of the east.

The Youngest Great-Grandmother. North Carolina has the youngest grandfater in the country, and now comes to the front with the youngest great-grandmother.

Long and Short. "I understand that little Mabel Jones is engaged to that extremely tall young simpleton, Buddy Brown."

Excuse? "Excuse? She says she is only carrying out nature's most inexorable law."

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LONG PACKAGE OF MACARONI

Customer Shows the Grocery Clerk How It Can Be Made Up into a Small Bundle.

Into a grocery store came a man who bought a number of things, all of which he wanted to take with him; they were all things of small bulk and they would have made a comparatively small handy bundle but for a package of macaroni.

"Oh, yes, you can," said the customer, "you just break the package in the middle across the edge of the counter."

The clerk followed this instruction, finding that the macaroni broke readily and pretty evenly.

"I never heard of that before," said the clerk. "Oh, I've done that often," said the customer.

AS TO EFFECT OF PRAISE

It Is Not Always Stimulating, Says This Man, Drawing on His Own Experience.

The singer sang well and the applause was insistent. Again he came forward, and this time he sang even better than before.

"It is always so," said one listener to his friend. "Applause stimulates us all. It's a pity that men can't be praised more than they are when they do good work."

"When I was a boy out in the woodshed sawing wood," said the other man, "the old man would come along and look at what I'd sawed and say, 'Sammy, you're doing splendidly. Keep it up, my boy.'"

"There was praise for you, but do you think that stimulated me? On the contrary, it made me want to smash the buck and bust the saw and break for the woods."

"Oh, well, of course," said the praise advocate, "there may be exceptions, but as a rule—" and so on and so on.

The Fatal "Y." Out of loyalty to his own sex the manager of the woman's suit department discharged the young woman stenographer and hired a man.

"No woman on earth would have been guilty of such a mistake," growled the manager.

Insane for Hiring Him. This one was told of the late Senator Dolliver. It is of the trial of a man for murder, who was undoubtedly guilty, but was acquitted, greatly to the surprise of the presiding judge.

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INSURING AGAINST DEVILS

Curious Way the Chinese Have of Taking Out an Annual Policy for Protection.

Once every year, during the first 15 days of the seventh Chinese month, the curious ceremony of Yu-Nan-Whei is celebrated, being in fact the paying of homage to the land and sea devils.

Seven priests carry out the ceremony by offering up various forms of prayer, says the Wide World Magazine, and making an unearthly noise by beating gongs.

Any one wishing to show his respect to the devils can do so by a payment of 600 cash—about 22 cents—to each of the priests, for which amount they will continue their performance for 12 hours—a truly modest remuneration.

For an extra payment of 2,000 cash a number of small red paper boats about six inches long, with lights inside, will be sent floating down the river with the current.

Having finished his performance the person on whose behalf it has been carried out goes away happy in the conviction that he will not lose any of his family throughout the year either by sickness or drowning, so that the whole ceremony may be looked upon as an insurance policy.

Modern Mohammedan Authorities Would Have Trouble in Observing Distinction Made by Prophet.

Mohammed in his capacity as legislator for the Arabs made a distinction in treating with the non-Islamic world between those peoples who had a Scripture and those who had not.

It should be a curious problem for modern Mohammedan authorities to decide as to which peoples may be said to have what corresponds to a Bible. Would they include the Chinese, with their books of Kings, Shi-King, Li-King, and the rest? Would the Brahmins, with their Vedas, be included? Or the Buddhists, with their Tripitaka?

A still further problem would be raised by a case like the Eddas, which had the force of a Bible among the early Norsemen, but have since lost their force.

While kissing his sweetheart for the last time a young Portuguese named Edward D'Andrade shot himself dead in Manchester, Eng. At the inquest it was stated that his love affairs had not prospered.

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WHAT TO DO WHEN LONELY

Get Busy, Find an Interest and Discover Something That Will Keep Your Mind and Hands Occupied.

Get busy if you are lonely. Find an interest. Do something. The woman who can shut the door upon unclean household tasks—an uncleaned luncheon table, say—hasn't correctly diagnosed her own disease.

It is generally the uneducated woman who complains of loneliness. Not that she hasn't been in school, perhaps graduated, even, but that as in the case of imperfect vaccination, the educational virus hasn't "worked."

Education is a means, not an end. It is a door, opening into many pleasant rooms, these leading into others, so that one need never stop entering and taking possession of them.

Experience of Woman Who Had a Ring Cut Off at Night Near Jewelry Store Window.

"The next time I find it necessary to have a ring cut off I shall not have it done at night, near the illuminated front window of a jewelry store in a populous neighborhood," said the woman.

Western Love of Art. In the east art is commonly interpreted as meaning painting or sculpture, but in the west it stands for any manifestation of beauty for which man is responsible.

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TEMPTATION TOO STRONG

Little Boy Thought His Mother Might Have Helped Him When He Was Resisting.

"There's a little boy out in the East end of whom I am very fond," said Judge Charles J. Estep the other day.

"All right, ma," he said. "I'll stay there." And he had no intention then of going out at all.

"When he came back mother was waiting for him. She had watched him from the window and told him so."

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PREACHING AND PRACTICE

How Mr. Spurgeon, Though a Vegetarian, Was Caught Eating Pheasant and Used Adam's Excuse.

In Rev. Dr. W. E. Hatcher's recent book of reminiscences entitled, "Along the Trail of the Friendly Years," Mr. Spurgeon is described as "a vegetarian who talked."

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